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SUBJECT: POLAND: PKN ORLEN WANTS TO BUY CONOCO UNIPETROL  
REFINERY ASSETS

Classified By: Economic Counselor Richard Rorvig, reasons 1.4 b and d.

11. (C) PKN Orlen Deputy President told Econoff that PKN Orlen is interested in purchasing the Unipetrol refinery assets Conoco Phillips recently announced it is selling to Lukoil. Filipowicz emphasized that Orlen, as majority owner, has right of first refusal to purchase the assets, and wants to ensure that Lukoil does not have any interest in the plant. He was dismayed that Conoco Phillips announced the sale without first discussing the deal with Orlen as he believed the press portrayed the acquisition as a done deal.

12. (C) Orlen has notified Conoco Phillips of its interest in purchasing the assets and intends to discuss the purchase further with Conoco Phillips representatives during the Commerce-sponsored energy roundtable in Washington on November 28. Filipowicz also stated that PKN Orlen's pending purchase of the Mazeikiu refinery in Lithuania will have no impact on Orlen's ability to finance the purchase of the Unipetrol assets.

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